

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** one of the first permanent congregations of women religious in our country, the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy, was established in Charleston in December 1829; and

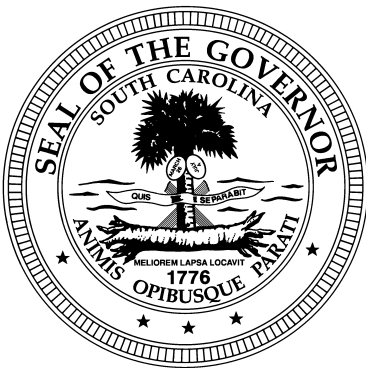
**WHEREAS,** the Community has grown to a significant presence in the Palmetto State, ministering to the poor, nursing the sick, teaching the children, and assisting the needy; and

**WHEREAS,** the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy provides a unique opportunity to celebrate with appreciation their generous service to the residents of our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 28, 2004, as

### SISTERS OF CHARITY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the Sisters for their contributions to the improved quality of life of residents across the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**